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generate. It was noted that these issues may not have been appropriately incorporated in master plan discussions of the past. The visioning effort will address these and other concerns regarding additional hangars and related issues such as the relocation of the American Airpower Museum.

The vision planning process is expected to last about 12 months, culminating with NYSDOT deciding on the final plan with advice from the Republic Airport Commission.

Runways, Taxiways and Flight Safety

At Republic Airport it has always been about safety, both on the ground and in the air. So the good news is that construction of the south portion of Taxiway Bravo is now complete, just one part of the effort to ensure better ground clearance for aircraft operating from the state's busiest general aviation airport. It was accomplished in the face of record wet weather and underscores

the professionalism of the construction crews, and planning efforts of the New York State Department of Transportation and airport staff. The taxiway intersection, as well as the northern portion of Bravo, will be relocated in the Spring of 2010.

In addition, The FAA will activate its Lateral Precision with Vertical Guidance Approach system (LPV) on Runway 32 this Spring. This will enable operators to use this runway during inclement weather conditions when the wind favors that approach.

Airport Director Michael Geiger stated, "The addition of this approach procedure will not require any additional equipment or modifications to the airport's existing facilities. Establishing this direct approach to Runway 32 means that aircraft using that runway will spend less time over residential neighborhoods, at higher altitude, and at lower power settings. That's good news for both aviators and local residents."

Pet Airways Starts Business at Republic Airport

You can't get in-flight peanuts but you might get a doggy treat. Pet Airways has begun charter flight operations from hangar facilities along New Highway, serving an enthusiastic market of pet owners who refuse to allow their cats and dogs to fly in the hostile, and sometimes lethal, environment of commercial jet cargo.

From Republic Airport, pet owners can charter a Pet Airways flight that puts their animals within a carefully controlled environment in which the passengers are treated with the respect and care that all living things deserve, including meals.

Pet Airways says their flights are already booked weeks in advance, underscoring the fact that the recession has apparently failed to reach those who want to ensure that their pets arrive at their destinations happy and healthy.



Hoping For the Best, Preparing for the Worst

Some complain when they have to shovel their sidewalk in front of their homes. Republic Airport maintenance crews have a slightly more difficult task. They have nearly 23,000 feet of asphalt to clear as Mother Nature dumps snow this winter.

Specifically, Republic Runway 14/32 (northwest to southeast) is 6,827 feet long and Runway 1/19 (north to south) is 5,516 feet long. Combined with the taxiways at the airport, there is a huge area of pavement to tackle.

Airport Manager Shelley LaRose-Arken observed, "It is not an effort for the faint of heart or just snow plows. In addition to its round-the-clock motorpool of plows and payloaders, the airport also uses ice inhibitors that are compatible with the environment. It's the type of job that roots for an early spring."

Digital Updates on the Web

Timely updates, video clips, photo galleries, news stories and more are all available at the Republic Airport website. Republic is proudly owned by the taxpayers of New York State through the Department of Transportation and you are

invited to log on at www.republicairport.net. Pilots, visitors, airport tenants, community and business leaders, as well as local neighbors, will continue to find updated sections that are important to their own interests.

Have you checked out the Web?

To better provide the Internet community with news, information and updates regarding Republic Airport, the airport's website has been significantly improved. Be sure to log on at www.republicairport.net.

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FAA Proposal to Change "Air Corridors" Opposed by Republic Airport Commission

The Republic Airport Commission (RAC) has unanimously approved a resolution opposing a plan proposed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that would alter the existing air corridors that bring commercial airline traffic into and out of John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark Airports.

At the heart of the FAA's proposal is the expansion of the size of Class B Airspace in the New York Metropolitan area for the purpose of placing more commercial jetliners

into air corridors that extend from the major airports. However, those air corridors would also squeeze general aviation traffic and helicopters into lower, more limited space, potentially creating an adverse impact on communities throughout the region.

The New York State Department of Transportation, through Republic Airport, is a member of an ad-hoc committee reviewing potential changes to the Class B Airspace. In its review, the Department has identified several potential safety, economic and environmental issues that may effect Republic Airport, MacArthur Airport, and the communities of western Suffolk and eastern Nassau.

The Commission agrees with DOT's concerns and their resolution calls for a compromise and a recognition that the FAA plan, as currently constructed, fails to consider its negative impacts on Long Island's 2.7 million residents.

RAC Chairman Frank Nocerino stated, "This is an ill-conceived proposal with the FAA seeking expediency rather than a well defined plan that addresses chronic air traffic delays at Newark, LaGuardia and Kennedy. We are appealing to the New York State Department of Transportation to oppose this FAA initiative because it will have harmful environmental, economic and safety impacts on Republic Airport and the surrounding community."

As a general aviation facility supporting corporate jets and hundreds of privately owned aircraft, Republic Airport remains one of New York's most important general aviation airports. The 526-acre, state-owned airport is also a key component in the bi-county's vibrant economy. Republic has generated over 1300 full-time jobs on and around the airport and generates over \$150,000,000 in economic activity including wages and goods and services that include fuel, ground handling, landing fees, tourism and catering.



Republic Airport commissioners have made clear their concerns over proposed FAA air corridor changes.

Republic Airport's Vision Plan Seeks to Support Region's Economy and to Explore the Future

The role of Republic Airport in a challenging economy is just one element of a comprehensive Vision Plan that has been introduced to elected officials and opinion leaders this past autumn as part of an effort to ensure the airport meets the

concerns of the community and the needs of general aviation in the 21st Century.

DY Consultants, a Long Island based consulting firm, has been tasked with defining that vision and presenting it to the residential community, public officials and the business community for the purpose of getting their input, comments and observations. DY has created a website, www.republicairportvision.com, that will provide detailed information as the visioning process unfolds.

Subi Chakraborti, NYSDOT Regional Director for Long Island noted, "The key to appreciating the vision process is that it

will develop options and potential goals for the future of Republic airport which will be sustainable and compatible with the characteristics of the neighborhood around it. It is not limiting as a defined blueprint for construction."

This effective understanding will help airport officials as they make the plan a reality. While future events could have an effect on the selected plan, the visioning process should establish overall core principals for the airport. If some event caused a need to reexamine any of these principals, NYSDOT would solicit input from the groups that participated in visioning before making any changes. Republic Airport Commission Chairman

Frank Nocerino stated, "This process will continue to be open, comprehensive and deliberate as we seek to obtain the thoughts of the people and companies who either use Republic, live near it or depend upon it for their livelihoods. It is important that we understand not just Republic's role today but a variety of visions for the airport far into the future."

At this early stage, RAC members are most concerned about 1) possible airport expansion, 2) the introduction of commercial air service, and 3) the noise aircraft

The vision of a 21st Century Republic Airport is the subject of community dialogue and review.

